



Minutes of the Norwalk Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on 01.06.2021

Call to Order

Members present at roll call were Stephanie Riva (Council liaison), Carson Forst, Al Lammers, Stephanie Opiel, Madeline Pavlik, Adam Thorson, Brandi Wendt.

Members absent at roll call were Kylie Winkler.

Staff present included Sarah Coburn, Office Coordinator and Robin Leaper, Director.

Norwalk Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on January 6, 2021 was called to order at 6:01 pm by Forst.

Approval of agenda: (January) Motion by Thorson to approve agenda, seconded by Opiel, (RC=roll call vote). Aye: Carson Forst, Al Lammers, Stephanie Opiel, Madeline Pavlik, Adam Thorson, Brandi Wendt
Nay: none, motion carried unanimously, voice vote, agenda approved.

Approval of minutes: (December) Motion by Opiel, seconded by Wendt, RC, Aye: Carson Forst, Al Lammers, Stephanie Opiel, Madeline Pavlik, Adam Thorson, Brandi Wendt, Nay: none, motion carried unanimously, voice vote, minutes approved.

No Public or Guest comment. None

- a) Warrior Park
 - i) Went to council and was approved. On the challenge course, cut open the surface that sank. Concrete placed and when they replace the rubber surface instead of a seam, they will put in the gray path. Norwalk logo will be added. Lammers stated the logo will need updates. This should be a permanent fix. First que
- b) PR CIP Discussion
 - i) Trucks got approved by finance, EHP enclosed shelter, 50,000 for park improvements, Great wester trail connection phase 2 and 3, and Park maintenance facility.
 - ii) Greenways Master Plan - Public works CIP project, intersection at hwy 28 and Beardsley, our connection to EHP and the connection at Beardsley will add these into their project.
- c) Community Center Discussion
 - i) Robin met with them last week on the space we are requesting. They are working through numbers to bring to the City Council. They will present a couple different cost options and then the City will decide which direction to go. 4 courts cost. 4 courts plus senior programming space, teen programming space, office spaces, indoor track, storage space, indoor turf area, multi purpose space, conference room, and lounge area. Work session to discuss the project further, end of January. Sarah will send out to Commission work session information.
- d) Pickleball Discussion

- i) Got approved and will begin in the Spring. Painting of Windflower basketball courts and shade structure. Oppel asks timing on Pickleball - Robin will let her know.
- e) Park Plans Discussion - Windflower Park would include trail, updated shelter, etc. We would like to put the new all inclusive playground at Timberview. Windflower is already programmed space and the open space at Windflower has nice green space. Moving the inclusive playground to Timberview advances our needs by programming the space and expanding our parks. Forst agrees it makes sense. Wants to move forward with a mini pitch at possibly City Park on the basketball courts rather than Timberview. Continue to discuss as it develops.
- f) Trail Fundraising Discussion
 - i) Fundraising money can go into a fund to pay for trails or it can help to match grants. One time fundraising or an annual fundraising idea. Forst - lived in Dubuque - chili cook, paid to enter chili, pay to judge chili, put the hawkeye or cyclone game on there, Oktoberfest - tie it too. A couple streets off the main drag and had a great turn out. More the community events the better. Oppel - could we develop a friend of the Norwalk Parks. First big project. Support the trails trail mix or something like that. Make our own trail mix - some of the proceeds goes to the trails. Pool concessions could sell it too. Kids race or walk at EHP or pet races. Bike ride, donate one dollar for every mile you ride. Fareway - Round up to the nearest dollar at businesses for the trails. Robin - Mayor's Ball, dinner and dance. Pay for a ticket. Wendt - Daddy daughter or Mommy Me. Pickleball tournament, Disc golf tournament, weekend at the park.
- g) McAninch Sports Complex Discussion
 - i) Project is finished.

Commission inquiries and Staff Updates and Program Updates:

Staff update: Removing snow as it comes down, ice rink is open, clearing the trail at EHP and HWY 28.

Programs through January 15 if we stay at 14%, we will return with the same return to play policy.

Programming update: Spring Soccer is open, Rental letters went out Tuesday, January 5, Programming is returning January 15 as of now. Approved to go back into the schools today.

Topics for next meeting: Community Center Discussion, Timberview Park - all inclusive, and Fundraising ideas for the trails.

Motion to adjourn meeting Thorson motion, second Oppel meeting 6.52 pm.

Robin Leaper, Director

Carson Forst, Chairperson

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